

MEDIA ALERT

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SAE breaks down gender barriers in creative media

In the wake of Screen Queensland's new initiatives to support women in film, SAE Creative Media Institute in Brisbane has recruited two female industry leaders to help deliver diploma and degree programs at its Brisbane campus.

Performance artist, filmmaker and broadcast technician, Cathy Vogan, will join freelance editor, Charlotte Cutting, in delivering a Bachelor of Film and Diploma of Screen and Media to 174 students, including 66 aspiring female filmmakers.

A winner of eight international awards including Amnesty International's Freedom Art Award (Critic's Choice) in 2006, Vogan has also worked as a broadcast trainer for ABC, SBS, FOXTEL, Disney, MTV and other international outlets.

Cutting has worked with leading producers and directors on more than 50 industry productions. Her notable editing credits include ABC documentaries *Bang a Boomerang* and *Six Ft Hick: Notes from the Underground*.

The new recruits will join a cast of industry and education experts, lead by SAE's Film Department Coordinator Mairi Cameron; an accomplished filmmaker and advocate for women in film.

"We are over the moon to welcome Cathy and Charlotte to our team," Cameron said.

"Cathy brings an interesting blend of experimental filmmaking, political activism and technical expertise to the Brisbane campus, along with stories of interviewing international figures such as Noam Chomsky and Daniel Ellsberg for The Wikileaks Tapes.

"I'm equally excited about bringing on Charlotte Cutting, one of Brisbane's most prominent and experienced long form editors, whose strong focus on creative, high quality storytelling will be a great inspiration for our student body."

Just down the corridor from SAE's film department, the Institute's Games Chair and Department Coordinator, Dr Christy Dena, is leading her own charge to train the next wave of female games designers and developers.

Dena presented at the inaugural *Women in Development – Games & Everything Tech (WIDGET)* symposium last year and has been working hard to make changes that entice and enable a strong mixed gender student base.

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About SAE

SAE Australia offers Higher Education and VET education opportunities to about 3,000 students, including certificate, diploma and degrees across the following major fields of study; audio, film, games, animation, web & mobile and design. SAE is also one of the world's leading creative media institutes, with 54 campuses in 28 countries. SAE is a part of the Navitas group. Further information about SAE is available at www.sae.edu.au.

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